

Elective Course Descriptions - 2021/2022

Art / STEM - Students take half of a year of Art and half a year of our STEM class. STEM class is similar to a traditional shop class but with more of a focus on the principles of Engineering and problem solving. Students do various projects such as bridge building, home design and CO2 dragsters. In the Art half of their year students will explore and create using a variety of media such as charcoal, water colors and clay. This elective is our default choice. Note that some students will take Art first and then STEM in the Spring, others will take STEM 1st.

Band - Students can select **BEGINNING** or **ADVANCED** band if they like music and want to learn to play an instrument. No experience is required and we will provide the instrument! Sign up for beginning band if you are a beginner. If you are experienced and think you are ready for advanced pick that option. The band director will shift students to the appropriate level as needed. Note that students will perform 2-3 concerts per year usually in the evening at either Sylvan or Mesa HS.

AVID - AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID is a support class intended to help students achieve the goal of attending college. AVID includes tutoring, college tours, guest speakers, organization skills and much more. If you want to be the first in your family to attend college then AVID is for you! Note that AVID also requires a separate application be filled out with the AVID teachers.

Media - Our Media Production class films, edits and plays the daily Sylvan news show called "In Your Face News." Students will film and edit segments that are then played each day for the whole campus to watch. Sometimes they will even do live shows in our green room! Note there are only 25 spots available.

Student Government - Our student government class helps run our campus! Students plan dances and assemblies. They decorate the campus for special events. Student government runs various fundraisers that benefit our student body. Working with their teacher they organize incentive programs and give out prizes. Note there are only 25 spots available.

Math and English Support - Select this option if you feel you could use a little extra help with your regular Math or English class. Get help with homework, understanding tough concepts or just extra practice. Classes are kept small so teachers can provide more individualized help. Note this is not a special education class, it is open to all students if they feel it would help.

Teacher Assistant (TA) - Select office or teacher TA if you would like to be considered for this position. Office TAs spend 1 period per day in the office helping our office staff with various clerical duties. Teacher TAs spend their elective period helping a teacher with various classroom jobs. Note TAs must be in 8th grade and there are not too many spots available.